



Ed and Ethel Lohbrunner: The home of prize alpine plants

HONORARY DEGREES

A native of Victoria who is an internationally recognized authority on alpine and rock garden plants, and a prominent nuclear physicist will receive honorary degrees from the University of Victoria at its 12th annual convocation on May 31.

The degree of LL.D. (honoris causa) will be conferred on Edmund Herman Lohbrunner, owner of Victoria's world-renowned Lohbrunner Nursery and the first Canadian to win the American Rock Garden Society's prestigious Marcel Le Piniec Award, and on Dr. Wilfrid Bennett Lewis, Distinguished Professor of Science, Queen's University, Kingston.

Mr. Lohbrunner, 70, has lived in Victoria all his life, developing a nursery from which innumerable native, New Zealand and Australian plants have been introduced to Europe and North America.

In the summer of 1936, he and his brother "Joe" drifted 500 miles down the Yukon River in a skiff to within the Arctic Circle. Living off the land and taking overland side-trips to the high areas of the Ogilvie, White, Chugach and other ranges, they collected nearly 20,000 garden plants, the first live plants to come out of

the Arctic. They also discovered new species.

This trip was the outcome of a first major expedition by Mr. Lohbrunner in 1934 to northern B.C. sponsored by Lord Aberconway, President of the Royal Horticultural Society in England.

After the Arctic expedition, seeds and living plants were distributed to the sponsors, such as Kew Gardens of London, England, and to the National Herbarium in Ottawa.

In subsequent years he has collected extensively on this continent as well as in Japan and in the Alps.

Mr. Lohbrunner's concern for conservation led him to be among those instrumental in the formation of the Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association, of which he is Past President.

Another association founder was the late Dr. Lewis J. Clark, a UVic chemist who became a famous botanist, with whom Mr. Lohbrunner made several field trips.

Currently Mr. Lohbrunner is helping to plan and design a project by the Tacoma Garden Club to create a native plant gar-

BRINGING BEAUTY DOWN

If it wasn't for Ed and Ethel Lohbrunner, the Garden City of Victoria would be less beautiful than it is now, as would be many gardens around the world.

Mr. Lohbrunner is one of the world's foremost collectors and cultivators of alpine and rock garden plants, and it is through his more than 40 years of scrambling around mountain sides in the Arctic, across Canada and the U.S., and in Japan and Europe that many beautiful and often rare shrubs and flowers are in hundreds of gardens around Victoria.

For his accomplishments and his local efforts in conservation, UVic is bestowing upon him an honorary doctorate at its May 31 convocation. (See accompanying story.)

Mr. Lohbrunner has the most varied and rare collection of alpine and rock garden plants in North America, housed in three greenhouses behind the Lohbrunner house which is nestled on Lohbrunner Road in Saanich's Blenkinsop Valley.

The Lohbrunners have lived on their 43 acres of virtually unspoiled land the past 28 years and another 18 years previously on nearby Union Avenue.

During this time, in the low-lying and quiet beauty of the valley, they have nourished their high and wild specimens ("alpinists adapt to many environments") and spread them around the world. ▶

Dr. W. BENNETT LEWIS... nuclear scientist



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den at Point Defiance Park with the aim of preserving northwestern flora in a permanent living exhibit. He is also supplying much of the rarer material.

He is an honorary life-member of the Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society and the Victoria Horticultural Society.

The American Rock Garden Society, which has a world-wide membership, gave him its premier award in 1973.

Dr. Lewis, 66, was made a distinguished professor at Queen's in 1973, a special appointment which is made infrequently and only to persons of outstanding quality.

This will be his tenth honorary degree. The rest were conferred on him by the universities of Queen's, Dalhousie, Carleton, Saskatchewan, McMaster, Trent, McGill and Toronto and Dartmouth College (New Hampshire).

Born and educated in England, Dr. Lewis did research in the Thirties with the eminent British atomic scientists, Lord Rutherford and Sir John Cockcroft. During the Second World War, he was on loan to the British Air Ministry for radar work at the Bawdsey Research Station, and in 1945-46 he was Chief Superintendent of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

In 1946 he became Director of the Division of Atomic Energy Research, National Research Council of Canada at Chalk River, Ont., and in 1963 became its Senior Vice-President (Science). He retired from this post in 1973 to take up his position with Queen's.

Dr. Lewis has received a large number of awards of distinction, including the Companion of the Order of Canada, the highest award that can be bestowed by the Canadian Government, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the Royal Society of Canada. He has also been the Canadian representative on the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee.

In 1974, the University of Western Ontario invited Dr. Lewis to give its Elizabeth Laird Memorial Lecture. It was entitled "Abundant harnessed energy at low cost and low risk from nuclear fission". He has a number of publications on nuclear energy and was one of the experts present on a public forum on nuclear power given by the B.C. Government in 1973.

YUGOSLAV SCHOLARSHIPS

Two UVic students, Nives Jadresko and David Robertson, have been awarded scholarships by the Yugoslav Government enabling them to visit Dubrovnik and Zagreb this summer to take part in the seminars of the International Slavic

Bringing Beauty Down continued. . .

The globe-trotting Lohbrunners believe "Victoria is the most beautiful city in the most beautiful country" and is becoming more so each year, despite some urban blight, and because of the growing awareness and care of residents toward their environment.

But, in his 70 years here as a native, Mr. Lohbrunner has seen some ecologically priceless areas bulldozed over. For instance, the indigenous wild orchid, the ladyslipper (*calypso bulbosa*), used to litter an area near Goldstream with its pink splendor. Now this area is a gravel pit and trailer park.

To prevent something similar happening to the Thetis Lake area, Mr. Lohbrunner and other early-day ecologists formed the Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association, which led to the park being preserved as a place where ladyslippers and other rare species can grow and be admired.

Mr. Lohbrunner said he was a despoiler of the environment in the ignorance of his youth when he used to pick wild flowers.

In becoming a cultivator of them, he said he only selects a few when he finds them in abundance out in the wilds, and only their seeds if they are scarce.

As far as he is concerned, anyone who picks a wild flower is "a depleter and a despoiler".

Since first beaming dazzled by alpine plants in a hike he took with Mrs. Lohbrunner in 1929 to Forbidden Plateau Up-Island, Mr. Lohbrunner has taught himself all his botanical knowledge and the Latin nomenclature, and has become an accomplished photographer who has taken thousands of slides of plants in his treks to remote heights.

"He has the art of knowing a plant, in its every attribute, even when it is not blooming and out of season," said Mrs. Lohbrunner, who has shared his passion for alpine since 1929, the year they were married.

Despite his failing health and vision, the two hope to soon make another trip to the Alps, which has become their favorite area for seeking out delicate mountain species.

The Lohbrunners are also thinking of giving up the nursery "and taking it easy".

Offers for their collection have been made from the U.S., but they want it to stay in Canada, preferably in Victoria, either at UVic or at Thetis Lake Park.

School.

The seminars are aimed at promotion of the Serbo-Croatian language and literature and the fostering of international relations among Slavists.

This is the third year students from UVic's Slavonic and Oriental Studies Department have been awarded scholarships by the Yugoslav Government.

TURKEY TROT



A lot of yardage was gobbled up by 80 participants in week's "Turkey Trot" around the 1.2-mile-long Ring Road. The idea was for everyone to go at his or hers chosen pace with the winners being those closest to the times drawn at the end of the race. The three main winners were Dr. Docherty (Physical Education), men over 25, for a time of 9 minutes, 24 seconds; Dale MacDonald (Educ.-1), under 25, 15 minutes, 20 seconds; and Lee Jones (Educ. 1), women all ages, 8 minutes, 11 seconds. Each won a turkey. Mr. MacDonald was actually the last person over the finish line at 16 minutes. Fastest time around the Ring Road was Brian Thomas (A&S-4), 6 minutes, 11 seconds. (The record by the way, is 4 minutes, 51 seconds.) One student, Hneeda (Educ.-1), ran the Turkey Trot backwards a time of 11 minutes, 55 seconds. Another campus-wide competition was a four-day badminton tournament, ended last week. It had 285 entries, and the winners were Liz Anne Ogden (Educ. 1), women's singles; Liz Anne Ogden and Joanne Shillington (A&S-2), women's doubles; John Turnbull (Educ. 1), men's singles; Rob Cowan (A&S-1) and Evan Jones (Educ. 1), men's doubles; and Sue Gower (Educ. 3) and John Turnbull (Educ. 1), mixed doubles.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH

The \$30-million TRIUMF facility at the University of British Columbia reached another plateau of success in its trial runs.

Recently two beams of protons were extracted simultaneously from the TRIUMF accelerator — the first time this has been achieved by any cyclotron in the world, according to Dr. Lyle Robertson (Physics), one of the dozen UVic personnel involved in TRIUMF.

On December 15, after several delays due to technical difficulties, the cyclotron had its first "beam out", that is, production of a high energy proton beam (500 million electron volts).

Being able to produce two beams means the equivalent of having two cyclotrons operating at once.

For example, experimenters can be using one low intensity beam to study the scattering of protons from hydrogen, while simultaneously using the other proton beam of a different energy and intensity to produce pi mesons for mesic X-ray experiments and radio biological studies.

TRIUMF (Tri-University Meson Factory) is a joint project funded by the Atomic Energy Control Board, and the participating universities of Victoria, B.C., Simon Fraser and Alberta.

These days UVic physicists are over at TRIUMF on "a regular shuttle", said Dr. Don Lobb (Physics).

He said experiments are likely to begin this summer.

SIMON COMEDY

The Victoria Theatre Guild's production of Neil Simon's comedy, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue", will be presented at Langham Court Theatre March 28 to April 5.

Dr. Harvey M. Miller (Theatre) is director, and Professor John Krich plays the leading role. Other UVic contributors are Bindon Kinghorn, for the set design, and Giles W. Hogya, for lighting design.

Tickets are available through Eaton's box office beginning March 25, and by calling 382-7141 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

LECTURE IN FRENCH

Dr. Eugene Vinaver (French) will deliver a lecture entitled "Bienfaits et méfaits de la rhétorique", at 8 p.m. April 2 in the Gold Room of the Commons Block. The lecture is being sponsored jointly by the Department of French Language and Literature and the Alliance Française.

THESIS EXAMS

Four oral examinations will be held next week by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Paul Jeffry Viel, a Ph.D. candidate in Education, will defend his dissertation, "Behavioral Objectives and Type of Feedback in Concept Learning", at 1:30 p.m. March 24 in MacLaurin 225.

Gerald Julius Junevics, a Ph.D. candidate in Physics, will be examined on his dissertation, "Singularities in General Relativity and an Introduction of New Relativistic Theories of Gravitation", at 3:30 p.m. March 24 in Elliott 061.

Raymond Gar Leung, M.A. candidate in Education, will defend his thesis, "The Relationship between Secondary School Students' and their Parents' Achievement in Mathematical Problem Solving", at 4 p.m. March 26 in MacLaurin 225.

Steven Louis Palumbo, a M.A. candidate in History, will defend his thesis, "Elizabeth Gaskell: An Historical Perspective", at 2:30 p.m. March 26 in Cornett 268.

FACULTY NEWS

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. W.R. Derrick Sewell presented a series of five public lectures recently as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the State University of California, Chico, Calif. The lectures dealt with various problems of resources management and environmental alteration, including the impact of weather modification activities, implications of large-scale water diversions, and the role of the public in environmental decisions.

The Minister of Education, Government of Quebec, has officially recommended the acquisition of Dr. Colin Wood's Handbook of Geographical Games (Vol. 7, *Western Geographical Series*) to all college libraries in Quebec.

MUSIC

Bruce E. More, Assistant Professor of conducting, theory and choral music, will receive Yale University's first Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice and choral conducting at its spring convocation.

Mr. More went back to Yale in January to give a final recital and take an oral comprehensive as the final requirements for the degree.

This unusual degree programme was begun in 1967 with the idea of giving the candidate the usual spectrum of requirements, including recitals and thesis, but it is also required of the candidate, upon completing his residence, to go out and work in his field between three and five years before final evaluation.

CREATIVE WRITING

Lawrence Russell's play, "The Beautiful Woman and the Bleeding Man", is in the winter edition of *The Canadian Fiction*



Magazine. Along with the title characters appearing in the play are Flash Gordon and his sidekick, Zardov. *Penetration*, a collection of Mr. Russell's plays, was published by Sono Nis Press in 1973. A second collection will be published later this year by Angst World Press.

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. John Woods is presenting a paper today to the Foundations of Logic Seminar, University of Montreal. It is entitled "Do the Informal Fallacies Admit of Theoretical Articulations?"

Dr. E.-H.W. Kluge presented a paper entitled "Roscelin and the Medieval Problems of Universals" at a recent meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific being held in Seattle.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, March 21

- 9:30 —
- 4:30 pm Blood Donor Clinic. S.U.B.
- 12:30 pm Music. MacLaurin 144. University of Victoria Collegium Musicum: Christine K. Mather, director.
- 2:30 pm Meeting, Faculty of Education. MacLaurin 169.
- 3:30 pm Lecture, Psychology Department. Cornett 112. Dr. D.O. Hebb will discuss "Organization of Behavior".
- 7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. Two superb films. Elia Kazan's "On the Waterfront" (1954) and "The Caine Mutiny" (1954).
- 8:00 pm Phoenix Festival. Phoenix Theatre. "Listen to the Wind" by James Reaney.

SATURDAY, March 22

- 1:00 pm Rugby. UVic. UVic vs Oak Bay Wanderers.
- 2:15 pm Rugby. Wallace Field. Jackson Cup Semi-finals.
- 6:45 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. A slapstic-comedy classic, "Sleeper" (1973) starring Woody Allen. Admission Charge.

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SUNDAY, March 23

- 7:15 pm UVic Film Society. MacLaurin 144. "Blonde Venus" (USA 1934) Josef von Sternberg; "Holiday", (USA 1938), George Cukor. Admission Charge.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. "Listen to the Wind" will not be shown tonight as listed in last week's *Ring*.

MONDAY, March 24

- 4:00 pm Seminar, Biology Department. Cunningham 1018. Dr. J. Dainty, Head of the Department of Botany, University of Toronto will speak on "Water Movement in Plants".
- 8:00 pm Dinner with a Difference. Commons Dining Room. Sponsored by Ad Hoc Committee and Chaplain's Office. Proceeds to Unitarian Services Committee Fund for Bangladesh. Tickets available in S.U.B. Lobby Mar. 20, 21 and 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or also in Chaplain's Office during office hours. Student — \$2.00; General Public — \$3.00.

TUESDAY, March 25

- 8:00 pm Faculty and Staff Badminton. Old Gym.

WEDNESDAY, March 26

- 4:30 pm Music Department. Quad. University Concert Band Spring Outdoor Multi-Events Day. Contact Music Department for details.
- 8:00 pm Music Department. MacLaurin 144. Blair Fisher, trumpet, B.Mus. degree recital with assisting artists.

THURSDAY, March 27

- 12:30 pm Meeting, UVic Women's Action Group. Craigdarroch 203.
- 1:30 pm Seminar, Department of Chemistry. Elliott 160. Dr. Jack G. Calvert, Department of Chemistry, Ohio State University will speak on "Speculation on the Mechanism of Photochemical Smog Formation".
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Phoenix Theatre. "The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter, Tony Bancroft, director.

FRIDAY, March 28

- 12:30 pm Music at Noon. MacLaurin 144.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Phoenix Theatre. "The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter, Tony Bancroft, director.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Langham Court Theatre. Neil Simon's comedy "The Prisoner of Second Avenue". Tickets available at Eaton's Box Office beginning March 25 and by calling 382-7141 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

SATURDAY, March 29

- 7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "Fantasia" (1940) and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (1937). Admission Charge.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Phoenix Theatre. "The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter, Tony Bancroft, director.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Langham Court Theatre. Neil Simon's comedy "The Prisoner of Second Avenue". Tickets available at Eaton's Box Office beginning March 25 and by calling 382-7141 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

SUNDAY, March 30

- 7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "Fantasia" (1940) and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (1937). Admission Charge.
- 8:00 pm Theatre. Langham Court Theatre. Neil Simon's comedy "The Prisoner of Second Avenue". Tickets available at Eaton's Box Office beginning March 25 and by calling 382-7141 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.



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